

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON ONE – WELCOME

Dear Loved ones in Christ,

Thank you for your interest in the Naomi Ruth Connection. We are very anxious to share God's love with you through this email ministry.

I am especially excited about the teachings that have been prepared by Sandy Harber. She lost her husband a little over a month before my husband, Doug, also went to be with Jesus. Together we have been able to encourage each other in the Lord in a very special way. As God was showing me the need for this email ministry God was also preparing Sandy's heart to reach out to others like me. God gave me the Naomi Ruth story one day during my devotions, so I shared it with Sandy. She immediately became inspired to do research and began to share what she learned with me. I quickly realized that God gave Sandy the gift of teaching and that she had so much knowledge and insight that needed to be shared. She was my gift for this ministry.

God also gave me the concern for anyone who has faced loss like we have, or to anyone who has found themselves discouraged with their circumstances and could use some encouragement or support. This email ministry will be a once-a-week teaching so it won't take much of your time unless you chose to get more involved. We will probably release the teachings on Tuesdays and then give you a week to communicate before we release another teaching. The Naomi and Ruth story is the basis for these amazing teachings. This week we will attach several items that will give you our personal stories to introduce ourselves to you as well as the first teaching. In the following weeks, it will only be one lesson each week. We hope and pray that you will find these lessons to be a great encouragement to your life.

We encourage you to also do your own reading, research, and personal reflection on the scriptures as we share them. We invite you to share any further insights, personal experiences, or encouragement. If you have any questions, we will do our best to answer them or help you find further resources. **There are two sign-up forms so you can decide which one is easier for you to fill out and submit. Please only submit one of them.** You will be grouped according to the questions that you answer on this form unless add a note that you would like to be grouped with a certain group or person. The lessons will start shortly after several people are signed up in your category. In the meantime, we hope you can get a small picture of what God has brought us through and what God has done in our lives to give us the desire to form this group. We encourage you to share according to your comfort level or not share at all even if you sign up to be a part of a sharing group. We hope that this will give you a better opportunity for sharing more freely if you want to do so and make new connections with others that may have similar concerns.

Once again, we welcome you to this ministry. We want to be a blessing in any way that we can be. Please feel free to contact us through this email at any time.

Your friend in Christ,

Sandy Yates